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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: Unknown

Serial No.: 10/657,802

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For: PREPARATION OF 5-TERT-BUTYL-  
METAXYLENE USING A SOLID  
ACTIVE CLAY CATALYST

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application to include a claim for priority as set forth below: